

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A tool holder device, comprising:
a planar guide plate comprising tapered edges, wherein
a sidewall extends in a direction along each tapered edge,
5 and wherein the sidewalls extend substantially
perpendicular from a surface of the planar guide plate; and
a mounting portion for insertably receiving a spring
clip mounted on a tool, the mounting portion being
connected to the guide plate at an end portion thereof
10 where the tapered edges converge.

2. The device of claim 1, wherein the mounting
portion comprises a planar mounting plate that is
substantially parallel with the planar guide plate, wherein
15 the planar mounting plate is offset from the planar guide
plate by a first distance, d_1 , to insertably receive a
spring clip therebetween.

3. The device of claim 2, wherein the mounting
20 portion comprises a bottom plate, wherein the bottom plate
extends in a direction along a bottom edge of the mounting
plate, and wherein the bottom plate extends by a distance,
 d_2 , from the surface of the mounting plate towards the
planar guide plate to thereby cause the spring clip of the

tool to resiliently deflect when engaged with the mounting portion.

4. The device of claim 3, further comprising an
5 aperture that is defined, in part, by a bottom edge of the
guide plate and an edge of the bottom plate.

5. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is
formed of plastic.

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6. The device of claim 1, wherein the device is
formed of metal.

7. The device of claim 1, further comprising a
15 mounting device for mounting the tool holder device to a
belt.

8. The device of claim 7, wherein the mounting
device comprises spring clips mounted to the guide plate.

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9. The device of claim 7, wherein the mounting
device comprises grooves for mounting on a user's belt.

10. The device of claim 7, wherein the mounting device comprises slots for inserting a belt.

11. A tool belt comprising a tool holder device as
5 claimed in claim 1 mounted on the tool belt.

12. The device of claim 1, wherein the device comprises a tape measure holder device.

10 13. A tool holder device, comprising:
 a guiding portion; and a
 a mounting portion adapted to engage a spring clip of
 a tool for mounting the tool, wherein the guiding portion
 is adapted to guide a spring clip towards the mounting
15 portion as a person slides the tool from the guiding
 portion to the mounting portion while maintaining contact
 between the spring clip and the guiding portion.

14. The device of claim 13, wherein the guiding
20 portion comprises:
 a planar guide plate; and
 a sidewall that extends in a direction transverse to a
 surface of the guide plate and along a direction towards
 the mounting portion, wherein the sidewall is adapted to

guide a spring clip in slideable contact with the planar guide plate towards the mounting portion.

15. The device of claim 14, wherein the planar guide plate comprises tapered edges that converge toward the mounting portion, wherein the sidewall extends in a direction along a tapered edge.

16. The device of claim 14, wherein the mounting portion comprises a planar mounting plate that is substantially parallel with the planar guide plate, wherein the planar mounting plate is offset from the planar guide plate by a first distance, d_1 , to insertably receive a spring clip therebetween.

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17. The device of claim 16, wherein the mounting portion comprises a bottom plate, wherein the bottom plate extends in a direction along a bottom edge of the mounting plate, and wherein the bottom plate extends by a distance, d_2 , from the surface of the mounting plate towards the planar guide plate to thereby cause the spring clip of the tool to resiliently deflect when engaged with the mounting portion.

18. The device of claim 17, further comprising an aperture that is defined, in part, by a bottom edge of the guide plate and an edge of the bottom plate.

5 19. The device of claim 13, wherein the device comprises a tape measure holder device.

20. The device of claim 13, further comprising a mounting device for mounting the tool holder device to a
10 belt.